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Applicant(s): Dargontina et al.) Group Art Unit: 1711
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 21 April 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

The presently preferred topcoat for use in the present invention comprises a polyurethane dispersion. Suitable polyurethane dispersions for use in the present invention include those described, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,412,054; 4,644,030; 4,983,662; 5,147,925; 5,541,251; 5,571,861; 5,637,639; 5,710,209; 5,854,332; 5,872,182; 6,031,041; and 6,063,861 and in WO 00/24837. Other suitable polyurethane dispersions for use in the present invention include those described, for example, in *Self-crosslinkable Urethanes and Urethane/Acrylates*, Verfkroniek Nummer 1 Jan. 1999 and in *New Polymer Synthesis for (self)*